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CANADIAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS.

The Canadian Society of Civil Engineers will meet in Toronto, January 28th, 29th and 30th, 1909. Mr. C. H. Mitchell, Toronto, says:-

"The Canadian Society of Civil Engineers is the National Engineering Society of Canada, and all engineers in all branches should be members. The Society is now wielding a great influence, but only a fraction of that for which it is destined in a young country like Canada, developing and expanding under modern conditions. At this juncture particularly all members who can should attend the coming annual meeting for the purpose of concentrating and increasing the influence and usefulness of the Society and to prepare for the treatment of the large engineering questions and the great increase in engineering work which is bound to come in the next few years throughout the Dominion."

JANUARY 28th, 29th and 30th.

The last week of January, 1909, will be Convention week for Canadian engineers. In the closing days of that week the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers will hold their annual meeting, and many members and many who are not members will journey to Toronto, convinced that conventions are a good thing.

Such annual gatherings do many things that are not mentioned on the official programme. They bring together friends of other days, men who have worked far apart, yet who have never forgotten the comrades of younger days. They make the cold man warm up. No profession leaves undeveloped, to so large an extent as does engineering, the social side of man. Reserved, diffident, too many of our engineers are not good "mixers." Attending annual meetings will improve

They take a man's thoughts away from the daily routine. He returns to his work fresher and with a clearer view of things.

It is good for an engineer to spend a few days with his fellow-practitioners, and any engineer who attends the annual meeting of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers in Toronto will, if he is as free to give as he is to take, thoroughly enjoy the Convention.

REVIEW NUMBER OF THE MONETARY TIMES.

Columns and pages of figures are not always dry, uninteresting reading. In fact, when properly selected and carefully arranged, figures make the most entertaining reading. This is well illustrated in the January and issue of the Monetary Times. A statistical and review number it is called, and well does it uphold its title and fulfil its mission. From the various phases and fields of finance and commerce have been gathered

data telling statistically of the business world for 1908.

In an article, "A Trip Through the Provinces," men of the East and West tell of conditions and prospects. A very interesting table is the gross railway earnings of the three leading Canadian roads. This table gives the weekly earnings for 1908, and compares